

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re DIVISIONAL Application of)
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Kenji ITOH et al.)
Based On Serial No. 08/604,713) Art Unit: 1762
Which Was Filed: February 21, 1996) Examiner: R. King
For: PLASMA PROCESS, PLASMA)
APPARATUS PROCESS FOR)
FABRICATING A MAGNETIC)
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND)
APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING) Date: October 5, 1999

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the first sentence of the specification, insert --This application is
a Divisional of Application Serial No. 08/604,714 filed February 21, 1996;